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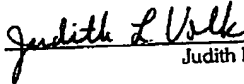
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish small entity status.
☒ Other Than a Small Entity.

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL	50	MINUS	50	0	x 9	\$0	x18	\$ -0-
INDEP.	4	MINUS	4	0	x43	\$0	x86	\$ -0-
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5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) ____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
____ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
____ two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
____ three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
____ four months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
____ five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

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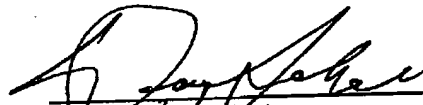
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